### Major Storm System Late Tuesday into Wednesday



New York, NY

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### What Has Changed?

- > Flood Watch expanded from NE NJ and part of Lower Hudson Valley to include all of Lower Hudson Valley, NYC, Long Island and Southern CT Tuesday Night into Wednesday.
- > Flood Watch 6PM Tuesday to 6PM Wednesday for much of our area, except for NYC and Long Island, 6PM Tuesday to 12PM Wednesday.
- > High Wind Watch expanded from Kings, Queens, Nassau and Suffolk Counties to now include Staten Island as well from 6PM Tuesday to 6AM Wednesday.
- > Storm Watch expanded to include all waters surrounding Long Island from 6PM Tuesday to 6AM Wednesday.



#### **Flooding Rain Potential**

- Total Rainfall Forecast: 2-4" with locally higher amounts possible late Tue into Early Wed.
- **Significant River Flooding Potential:** 
  - Widespread minor to moderate river flooding is likely Tuesday Night into Wednesday, particularly for the quick responding NE NJ, Lower Hudson Valley and potentially Southern CT basins. Potential for major flooding along a few rivers if high end of rainfall forecasts realized. Lingering flooding of rivers and streams quite possible into the day Wednesday.
- Potential for flash flooding Tuesday night in urban and poor drainage areas.
- Factors that may compound flooding are higher than normal streamflows and soil moisture, heavy rainfall/runoff coinciding with high tide Wed AM, and residual snow pack.

#### **Strong to Damaging Wind Potential**

- 40 to 50 mph wind gusts across much of the region are possible.
- Gusts 50 to 60 mph are possible along the coast. Some locally higher gusts also possible.

### **Moderate to locally Major Coastal Flooding Potential**

- Widespread moderate flooding (inundation 2 to 3 ft above ground) potential with the Wednesday morning high tide.
- Locally major flooding (inundation 3+ ft above ground level) possible, particularly along southern bays of Long Island.

#### **Major Shoreline Impact Potential**

- Widespread dune erosion with scattered overwashes. Localized dune inundation/breaches possible where dunes have been compromised by earlier storms.
- Around 15 to 20 ft breaking surf.

#### Marine:

- Storm conditions possible on waters surrounding Long Island Tuesday night. 20 ft seas on the ocean with 5-8 ft on LI Sound possible.
- Expansion of the High Wind Watch possible in subsequent forecasts.
- Location of the heaviest rainfall amounts.
- Timing of highest surge could occur before high tide Wednesday morning, which may somewhat limit coastal flooding impacts.
- The forecast will continue to be refined into early Tuesday.

**FORECAST** 

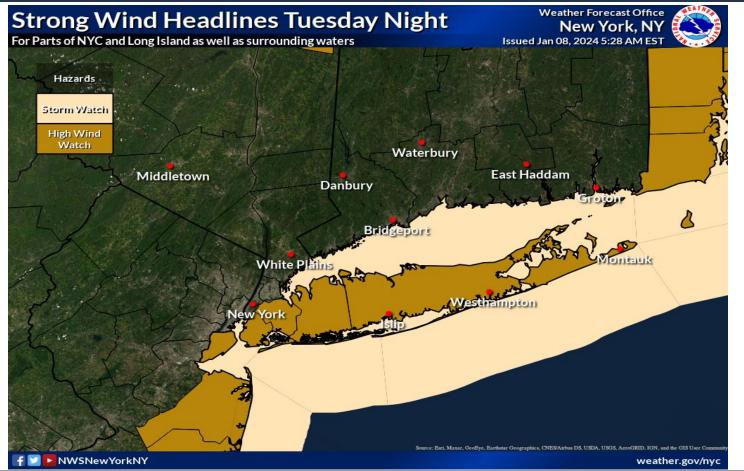
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**POTENTIAL** 

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# Strong Winds Expected Tuesday Night

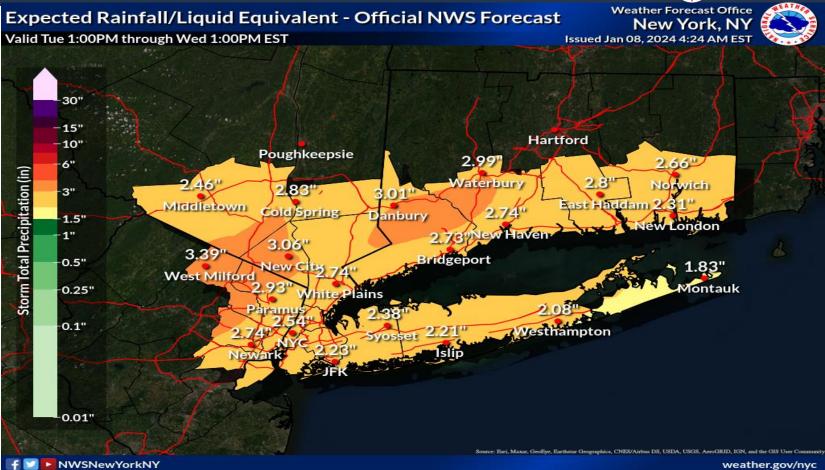




- Max Sustained
  Winds of
  around 30 to 40
  mph.
  - Max Wind Gusts of around 60 mph.
- Locally higher wind gusts possible.
- Power outages and downed trees possible.

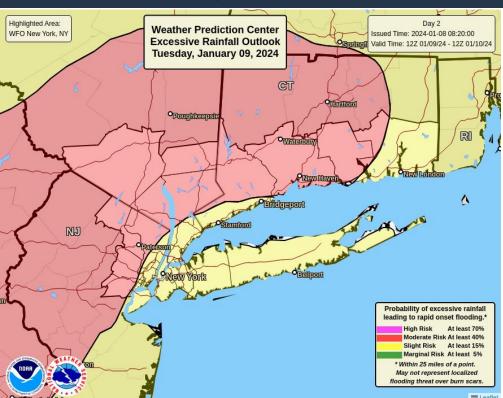
### Storm Total Rainfall Forecast





### Excessive Rainfall/Flash Flood Outlook

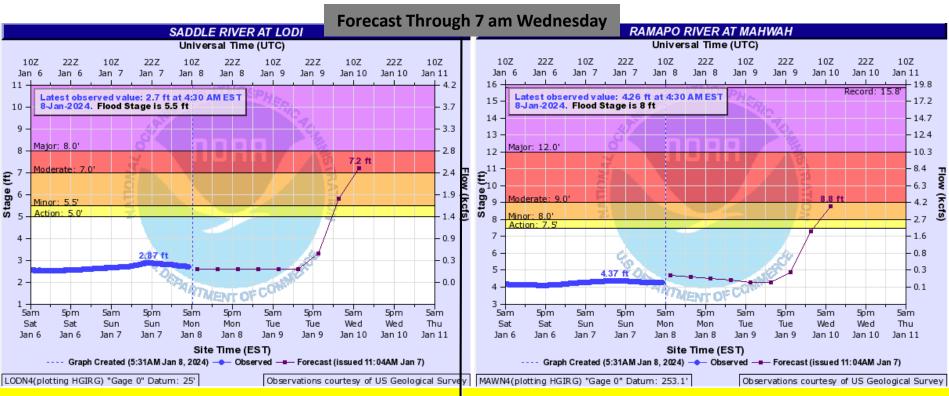




#### **Understanding WPC Excessive Rainfall Risk Categories** SLIGHT **MODERATE** No Area/Label (SLGT) (MDT) Scattered flash **Numerous flash** floods possible floods likely Mainly localized, Most Numerous flash vulnerable are urban areas, roads, small streams and washes. possible. Many Isolated significant streams may flood, flash floods possible. potentially affecting larger rivers.

## Northeast New Jersey River Flooding Forecast





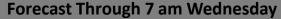
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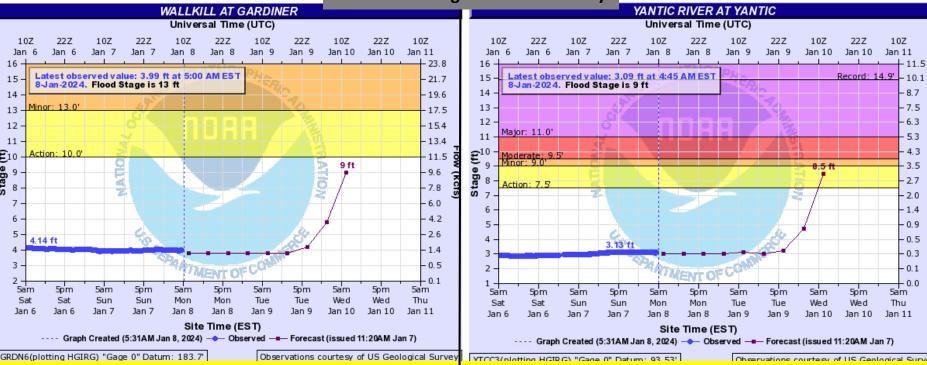
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### Lower Hudson Valley/Southern CT River Flooding Forecast







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